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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## UNAC-5: THE FINAL GLORY



Hostess, Mrs. Jean Terrell greets Bishop Ford and Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington.

The United National Auxiliaries Convention was conducted in Birmingham, Alabama, and this convention closed a chapter in the organizational life of the Church Of God In Christ. UNAC, as the large auxiliary meeting was known, had an interesting development, management and ministry of orientation. It burst on the national scene during the Patterson administration. For 17 years the saints journeyed to different graphical points to celebrate and experience the blending of the five supporting auxiliaries. The wide ranging ministry presentation and the family atmosphere made UNAC a vital early summer convention. The current leadership is inspired to move the organization into another direction and UNAC-5 will cease to be. The progressive agenda of Presiding Bishop Ford has proven to invigorate the Church, and now the saints will continue to experience the traditional learning experience that has long been associated with UNAC. The United National Auxiliaries Convention went out with style and exemplified the purpose and glory always found during its 17 year existence.

Bishop F.E. Perry, chairman of UNAC and the associated presidents of the various departments gathered to give God the glory and praise. Bishop Carlis Moody, president of the Missions Department, Bishop C.W. Williams (absent due to illness) National Superintendent of Sunday School and Elder Jerry Macklin had the Sunday School Department in gear, Bishop Charles Brewer, president of the Youth Department, Dr. E.L. Battles, president of the Evangelist Department had his evangelistic troops on hand and to the pleasure of all, Music's Dr. Mattie Clark attended the convention. Of course, none of the convention would have been possible without the support of the local jurisdictional bishops. Bishop Harris, the senior bishop of Alabama, Jurisdiction #2 and Bishop O.L. Meadows, Alabama #1, gathered a fine steering committee that helped make the convention shine. Every delegate felt the warmth and welcome of "good ole southern hospitality."

UNAC has long been touted as the "Family Convention" and this meeting kept faith with that consideration. There were an array of training sessions, classes, auxiliary departmental gatherings, ministry related sessions and many spiritually lifting worship experiences. There were nearly 2000 youths in the various children and youth church programs. The talents and

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resources of the youth were exposed through the talent hours and the scholastic motivational activities. One might ask what was the focus of the training? The theme for the UNAC was "Exemplifying Christ Through Ministry." The entire institute was geared to promote the theme. The categories of classes on ministry for today were mind blowing. In total, there were over 40 different classes daily. The sessions were conducted at the Sheraton Civic Center Hotel and the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. The steering committee should be proud of their efforts. The governor of Alabama, Governor Hunt and Mayor Richard Arrington of Birmingham attended the convention. The officials of the city proved to be the friendly leaders which encourage a person to return for a visit.

In the UNAC tradition the preaching and worship services were tremendous. This last UNAC was no different, as Elder Terry Ball, Elder Richard White, Elder Milton Oliver, Elder Pullins, Elder Clemons, Elder Albert Clark and others delivered stirring gospel messages. Bishop F.E. Perry and Presiding Bishop L.H. Ford preached noble and heartfelt messages. The saving grace of God was evidenced. The Spirit of the Lord inspired throughout the meeting and the glory of God made the time quickly go by. UNAC was simply enjoyable! Nightly, Elder Richard White and Dr. Mattie Clark who are committed workers carried on the late activities. Hundreds of youth attended nightly. Elder White has been faithful to the back home hour for 17 years. He has never missed a UNAC, and to his credit has lead every back home service since the inception of UNAC. This is a distinguished record and deserves mention.

Certainly, all who went to UNAC enjoyed the final glory that UNAC 92 was. In attempting to



Dr. O.J. Haney and UNAC-5 leadership present Bishop Perry with an award. (L to R) Dr. O.J. Haney, Elder Jerry Macklin, Bishop F.E. Perry, Dr. E.L. Battles, Bishop Carlis Moody and Bishop Charles Brewer.

prepare for the future, the fine member auxiliaries leadership announced their respective services and conventions to the general delegation. Next year's calendar will feature four smaller specialized conventions. Missions and Evangelism will share a convention and shall refer to the meeting as the ME Convention. ME will gather in Baltimore, Maryland, June 7-12, 1993. The Youth Congress will convene in Chicago, Illinois, July 5-10, 1993. The Sunday School Convention will gather in Atlanta, Georgia, July 26-31, 1993. The Music Department is possibly merging with the Youth and likely will convene in Chicago. The Whole Truth will report the definitive word in the near future. Each auxiliary will be seeking loyal support from the local church constituencies. The smaller conventions will specialize in its respective area.

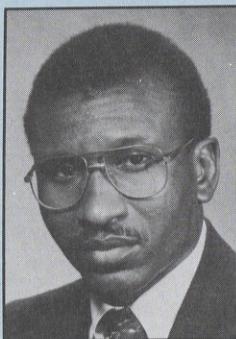
Bishop Perry showcased the scholastic motivational winners during the Chairman's Banquet. There each department and session were acknowledged for their contributions over the years and this last meeting. Bishop Perry personally presented plaques to the department leaders and key workers alike. He presented all teachers and trainers with certificates of appreciation. He stated if anyone failed to get a certificate to notify him personally. The dinner

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## EDITORIAL UNAC AND THE BEYOND

by Dr. David Hall



**Dr. David Hall**

The recent change of the United National Auxiliaries Convention was an interesting bit of organizational management. Yes, I, like everyone will miss being in UNAC because it was part of the calendar for 17 years. Our leader, Presiding Bishop Ford is going as the Lord leads him and the rest of us will follow.

In the Church Of God In Christ, change comes in an open process. Each of us expected UNAC to end, and the Birmingham convention provided a fitting closure. Bishop F.E. Perry served the Church Of God In Christ very well in the capacity of chairman of the large auxiliary convention. He superintended its demise and he never said a negative or hostile word. He demonstrated pure character and dignity under the public pressure of having his position phased out. The saints are praying for his success in his future endeavors.

It is time for the five auxiliaries which are now independent to conduct their own conventions and to take advantage of the space and freedom provided them by Presiding Bishop Ford. They must make their claim to the delegation which will become their faithful supporters. Certainly, the challenges of the change will create opportunity for the various

ministry orientations of individuals to be enhanced. Possibly, after the scramble for the obviously talented and well exposed resource persons from the old UNAC have been selected for new assignments, then the unknown diamonds in the rough will step forward and be fulfilled due to the change in format. Our presiding officer will receive 100% cooperation from the various departments, as well as support from the local churches from around the country. The return to the old system will be successful!

Next year, I and everyone will be making choices about which meeting(s) we will attend. I am sure that my son David, Jr. who loves Sunday School, Youth and Music will have a difficult time. I can hear him say, "now Dad, don't worry, I'll go to all three." My youngest son, Thomas Ervin normally desires the exact opposite of his brother David. My luck is that by next year he'll take all three likewise. Then there is Gloria, my wife who annually attends the Women's Convention and she loves Sunday School as well. I have my choices and the newly announced ME (Missions and Evangelism) Convention takes my interest. Still, every now and then, I like to sing!

Well, I have choices and time to make the correct ones. Anyway, I will not be disappointed wherever I attend. Each convention will be helpful to the ministry and development of each delegate and his/her local church. I'll see you around.

## EIGHTH NATIONAL DENOMINATION JOINS CNBC

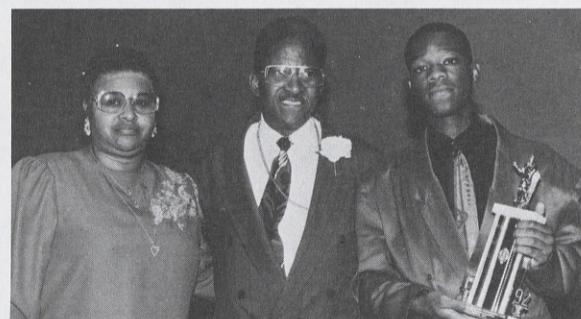
The Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. (CNBC), in a statement released recently, announced that the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E.Z.) Church, a national religious body with 1.2 million members, has joined the coalition of seven major national denominations which comprise CNBC's membership.

In a letter to the leadership of the A.M.E.Z.'s, Bishop William Graves, CNBC's chairman stated, "We rejoice in having the A.M.E.Z.'s join CNBC's coalition as well as in the fact that for the first time the eight historically black denominations have been brought together in an ecumenical coalition to address common concerns."

CNBC founded in 1978 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the nation's largest coalition of historic black denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church Of God In Christ, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, and Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Together these denominations represent 65,000 churches and a membership of more than 19 million people.

As a non-profit organization, CNBC provides the opportunity for program efforts which may be achieved more effectively together than by any single denomination. CNBC currently operates four national programs which have the following areas of emphasis: the black family, leadership development for ministers, anti-drug campaign and economic development.

While commenting of the importance of having the eight denominations in a coalition, the executive director of CNBC, Reverend H. Michael Lemmons, said, "In concept and practice, CNBC constitutes the most promising and powerful idea for the empowerment of our communities."



Mrs. Mae C. Winbush, Bishop F.E. Perry and Lawrence Brown, winner of the Oratorical Contest and a \$2000 scholarship.

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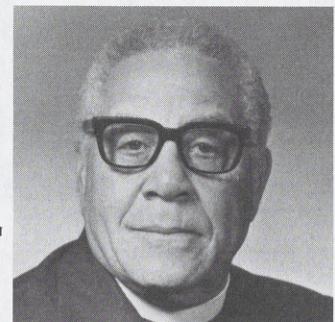
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of the  
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Dearly Beloved Fellow Servant:  
Holy greetings!

I pray all is well with you and the blessings of God are multiplying in your life.

My message this month is sent as a reminder of our fastly approaching birthday observance of our beloved and sainted founder, Bishop C.H. Mason. Our meeting this year will be held **September 8-11, 1992, in Lexington, Mississippi** under the huge gospel tent on the holy grounds of Saints College that were blessed by Bishop Mason and the pioneer saints.

Plans are now underway to reopen the school in 1993, with remodeled and new buildings which are now nearly 90% complete. When reopened, the school will provide for children from the day-care level up to college.

To keep the work progressing and moving toward opening next fall, I am asking for a pre-birthday gift of a minimum of \$100.00, or more if possible, of every church in the brotherhood. On Sunday, August 23rd, I am asking each Pastor to receive a special offering for this ministry. The money raised is to be given to the Bishop and he is to turn it in by Tuesday, September 8th in Lexington or it may be sent to Bishop Mason's Birthday Celebration, P.O. Box 320, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

I prefer the donation be given to the Bishop so that he can report it for his jurisdiction, however, the gift may be sent directly to our post office box, if necessary. I assure you, all gifts will be used for our school.

I hope you will be with us during this celebration, if you cannot, I ask your prayers. Please know also that I appreciate all you have done in the past and I trust you now to again lend your support. Together we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

Sincerely,  
  
L. H. Ford  
Presiding Bishop

### UNAC-5: (Continued from page 1)

was lovely and further showcased the success of the many events that only UNAC conducted. It seemed fitting that the Bible Bowl trophy was retired to Northern Georgia. This year's winner was Illinois First Jurisdiction, but because the Georgians had been repeated champions, and the trophy showed the wear of time, the committee gave it to Georgia as a permanent keep sake.

In the last good byes Bishop Perry presented the former chairman of UNAC, Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush. Bishop Winbush is now a member of the General Board. During the years he served as chairman, Bishop F.E. Perry served faithfully by his side. Along with young men such as Elder Oliver Haney, Elder Alton Gatlin, Elder Charles Brown, Bishop Earl J. Wright, Bishop Gilkey, the late Elder Otis Massey, the late Bishop G.R. Ross and Mrs. Sylvia Law, the various workings of UNAC proved vital. It was a tribute to effort and very nostalgic. Together the Perry and Winbush families have served the Church Of God In Christ and the UNAC concept faithfully. It was a fitting tribute for Bishop Perry to share the stage with so many.

As Bishop Perry ends his brilliant reign he reflected in his parting message what his intentions are, "All of the department leaders have some place to go. I have none, therefore, I will run for a seat on the General Board and make myself available to the Church Of God In Christ for greater work."

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## REGISTRATION ENDS 17 YEARS OF SERVICE



Members of the team pose with Bishop Wright.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD IN CHARGE



L to R, Elders Solomon Williams, Harvey Lewis, Thomas Hammonds, Harold Moore, Michael Eaddy and standing near front, Elder J.P. Morgan.

The recent death of Elder Franklyn E. Knight created a wave of sadness within the ranks of the National Council of Elders and Pastors. The Council met in UNAC and resumed preparing for its annual gathering of shepherds July 21-24, 1992 in Orlando, Florida. If the Lord had not called the chairman home, he would have been promoting the usual splendid agenda and directing the last minute details. Now that he is gone, the faithful men who supported him during his tenure will stand together and finish the work.

During the UNAC-5 in Birmingham, Alabama, part of the council's leadership met to discuss the agenda for the annual meeting, and in the event that Chairman Knight would not be able to attend they would carry out his agenda. The First Vice Chairman of the council, Elder J.P. Morgan informed The Whole Truth that all things were in place and the Council would convene in Orlando, Florida.

The annual conference caters to clergy and wives of clergy. The theme of the conference, "Discovering Christ's Original Methods For Power In Ministry," was an idea close to the late chairman's heart.

Since the death of Chairman Knight, the officers of the council have come together to continue the business of the Council. The officers of the council are: First Chairman, Elder J.P. Morgan; Second Vice Chairman, Elder Emanuel Newton; Executive Secretary, Elder Edgar Barnett; Administrative Assistant, Elder Harvey Lewis; Finance Chairman, Elder Thomas Hammonds; Treasurer, Elder Herbert Purkett. Other vital persons in leadership are Elder Timothy Boutknight, Elder William Mosby, Elder Isaiah Grover, Elder Talbert Swan and Elder Alton Barnes.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a saint who has over the years become angry about certain situations in our moral society. I am also a mother and a grandmother who has had a desire to do something politically about these situations, but as a Saint we were taught over the years "... Saints do not get involved in politics."

I believe in prayer and miracles but I also believe the Christians have rights. As Christians, we have let certain things happen such as allowing prayer to be taken out of the schools. Take a good look at our schools today! Violence, drugs, drop-outs, and pregnancy is on the increase. I believe this is caused mostly because we let prayer be taken out of our schools. Our country was founded on prayer. It doesn't matter what religious denomination or color we are, we all proclaim to believe and worship the same God.

It seems that the Christians have no rights in this Grand Ole USA. There are Gay Rights, Non-Christian Rights, Women's Rights, Men's Rights, Children's Rights and even the animal kingdom has more rights than the Christians.

It appears that the Government works at pleasing everyone but the Christian; even though most of them claim to be Christians and are active church-goers. Now the Government says it is right to murder unborn babies (not only are some women allowed to have one, but as many abortions as they desire). Where would we have been if we had been aborted?— dead of course. Even the animals and insects have more rights to live— more than unborn babies.

As Christians we just seem to let things go and do nothing about them. I really become angrier when I think that even the worms have more rights than human beings. It seems that anything that is sinful has priority over righteousness. My belief is that if you don't want to become pregnant, you don't have to. There are enough things on the market that can be used or taken to prevent pregnancy. But the best thing to do is to abstain. What kind of an example are we setting for our young people saying it is okay to become pregnant and to abort it?

I realize that there are many people who will rebut what I am saying; probably that I am unlearned or uneducated. But, I believe as Christians we should be able to pray and express our feelings as those who don't recognize our beliefs.

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## THE EDITOR ANSWERS BACK

By Dr. David Hall

The letter which Sister Darlene Coleman presented is an example of classic thought, as it pertains to the dilemma we saints find ourselves. Questions of various rights and how the conventions of law equate those rights along the broad spectrum of society will always create conversation. Classically, rights are granted to every living individual simply because they possess life. One's station in life should have no fundamental bearing on one's right to peaceful existence. Naturally, this implies a right to life. Essentially, in this society we live, these rights are guaranteed by the constitution and enforced by the proper authorities.

Groups seeking to gain the same rights must employ political methods to secure rights, because the genesis of human rights have been defined in terms of human systems rather than moral thought. Consequently, homosexuals have parlayed their personal choice of living homosexual into a political posture. Likewise, people who obviously are decent but poorly informed have jumped on the band wagon and now pressure for the euphonistically known "pro choice." In actuality, pro choice is an expression of selfishness and the desire to play God. Pro Choice is Pro Abortion and therefore has become the tool and cry for wholesale murder of the innocent. I will not debate the specifics of your letter, but will suggest that the world need consider the real foundation for correct philosophical thought: morals.

There is nothing moral about politics in the purist sense. Morality stands alone without need of compromise or agreement. When something is right, it is simply, right! The Christians must deal with simply doing and being righteous. We understand what the world dismissed long ago, and that is that God is the source of righteousness. I am not dodging the issue, but am suggesting that our job is ever before us. Being moral is usually an after thought with the world today, and this is problematic. I encourage you to continue the use of scripture and good common sense reflection while being led of the Spirit in all your contact with the world at large. Remember, righteous yet will exalt the nation.

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

## THE URGENT CRY — FREEDOM AND JUSTICE IN EVERY SYSTEM — FOR ALL!

San Diego is not far from Los Angeles and the week of devastation and destruction in Los Angeles was deeply felt here. To meet the outraged cry, St. Stephen's Church Of God In Christ and community members met to share the reactions of "sadness, hurt, frustration, anger and fears." While we deplore the absence of justice in our society that lead to the deplorable and devastating experiences of an unforgettable week in Los Angeles and in various cities throughout the nation, we weep, we grieve, we hurt, we cry, and we consider the irretrievable loss of lives in this present day. We also deplore the destruction of property and of businesses that lost their lives investments and savings. We also understand that many people perceive there are social, economic, and spiritual factors that give them a sense of hopelessness.

We all agree that the Rodney King verdict was the spark that ignited the fire and protest that went on in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, and other parts of the nation. We also understand a worldwide movement on the part of those who have been left out and shut out who are crying for access and participation in the meaningful enterprise of living. The people who became lawless and destructive in the cities were not only reacting to the Rodney King verdict, they were reacting to the fact that in some communities more than 50% of the black males are unemployed and the prisons are full. They were reacting to a system that can find money to build new prisons, but cannot find money to provide employment for those who are incarcerated. They were reacting to men who were in prison for over 15 years after being framed by police officers. They were reacting to light sentences given to people of non-color for serious offenses and heavy sentences given African-Americans and other minorities for insignificant offenses.

How tragic it is that the verdict that the jury gave was an irresponsible and outrageous verdict. For it is clear in the minds of most people who were acquainted with the Rodney King case, that they had peacefully and patiently waited for more than a year for the verdict to come and condemn this obvious lawlessness that the officers had demonstrated. It was the disappointment and the

hurt that led to the anger and the lawlessness, when the jury, instead of condemning lawlessness by the police officers, approved and sanctioned lawlessness. Many people who are hurting, for instance, the unemployed for whom the system has not worked, received the message that lawlessness was being approved by those in power. This perception led to a sense of hopelessness and despair. If the police chief in Los Angeles had acted responsibly and taken clear action, things would have been different.

It is important that local businesses, ministers, and people with responsibility be commended for seeking ways to channel their anger so that destruction would not result in our communities. The people who came to meetings held at St. Stephen's Church Of God In Christ, The Catfish Club, Glen Rock Methodist Church, in San Diego and other community gatherings held as much anger and hostility and a desire to disrupt the common cause of life in the community as there was in Los Angeles. But San Diego and other communities had voices of responsibility that came down on the side of justice and righteousness, including the Mayor, the Police Chief, the City Manager, Business Leaders, Ministers, Pastors, and other community activists. There was common agreement that "justice was denied by that verdict." The police officers were clearly in violation of that victim's civil rights. San Diego's community and its leadership stands for justice even though it is denied in many instances. San Diego's community and its leadership stands for justice even though it is denied in many instances.

I believe that our nation can become a more just society. Let's acknowledge that the Church and other spiritual communities must be necessary participants in helping to heal the "social and personal sin" of racial division and by activating God's Commandment to love our neighbor. Secondly, all people of goodwill must take "bold action" and become "bridgebuilders" over "racial and economic gulfs." This would be accomplished by seeking out and developing relationships with poor people and creating "non-paternalistic" liaisons between city, suburban, and possibly rural churches. This requires personal involvement. A third requirement is to

"change our view of compassion." The poor must be taught to handle responsibility and have ownership and not become dependents. Indigenous leaders must be developed through mentoring and partnership. Further, we must "reverse" the desertion of leadership, the breakdown of the family structure, and the exodus of the professionals from the poor communities. Those who can, must become life preservers to those who would depart by providing "prayer (support), skills, and resources.

In the aftermath of the riots, we must address the problem of the injustices of our public education system where 40-50% of our young people, in the urban communities, are being pushed out of school or drop out because of neglect. Developing a need for an educational policy that attracts excellent teachers and programs designed for this area somehow escapes us.

We must also take this time to deal with another problem that relates to red-lining of the minority community by banks and the absolute failure of banks and financial institutions to provide services to responsible agencies who attempt to give services and help those deprived and underprivileged people of this community. We must change this policy that allows banks and other institutions to deny access to black businesses and churches simply because we are in an area where the decision of those in power is that we do not deserve justice and that we do not deserve access to resources.

Martin Luther King once said that "riots (are) the language of the unheard." Many of the poor and many minorities in our country experience blatant racism and injustice everyday. There is the sense that neither the justice system, nor educational system, economic system, nor health and welfare system work effectively for them. The urgent cry from the powerless and unheard is for freedom and justice in every system for all!

Bishop George D. McKinney, Ph.D.  
Pastor  
St. Stephen's Church Of God In Christ

### IGLEHART HONORED

The Childress Memorial Church Of God In Christ, located at 901 N. Pine St., San Antonio, Texas, along with the Texas Southwest Jurisdiction wherein Bishop T.D. Iglehart has been the prelate for 34 years, honored Bishop Iglehart for 57 years of "Gospel Ministry." The celebration was held Saturday, March 14th, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. A beautiful candlelight dinner with the Bishop's Family including his lovely wife of 56 years, Mother D.M. Iglehart was attended by well wishers. His six children: Administrative Assistant, Samuel Iglehart; Mrs. Yvonne Strozier, Mrs. Ruby Burns, Mr. Daniel Iglehart, Mr. John Iglehart, and Mrs. Thaddeus Darlene Iglehart-Williams, his grandchildren and a host of relatives, church and state families were in attendance. Guests included Mrs. Betty Ranson Nelson, guest soloist and Mrs. Sara Jordan Powell a special friend to the family. The guest speaker was Bishop N.H. Henderson of Houston, Texas.

Members of Childress Memorial Church Of God In Christ, where Bishop Igelhart is pastor, whom served in capacities of Chairpersons were Mrs. Geraldine Robertson and Mrs. Pamela Williams. Toastpersons included the Bishop's grandson, Minister Charles Wilborn, and members W.B. Hardy and Mrs. Debbie Darlington with at least 500 people attending.

May God continue to keep and bless Bishop Iglehart  
Submitted by: W.B. Hardy

### ITC ANNOUNCES NEW VICE PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees of Interdenominational Theological Center have announced the appointment of the Reverend Dr. Calvin S. Morris as its new Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean, effective July 1. Dr. Morris is former associate professor of Pastoral Theology and director of Ministries in Church and Society at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C. He replaces Dr. David T. Shannon, who was recently installed as President of Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, MA.

In making the selection of Dr. Morris, ITC's President James H. Costen said, "It is quite difficult to find African American scholars to fill essential faculty and administrative posts in theological seminaries today. Interdenominational Theological Center is fortunate and quite pleased to have attracted so highly qualified a person as Calvin Morris. He brings to us many years of diversified service, sixteen of which have been in theological education. By disposition, academic achievement and vision, he is imminently qualified to develop further the quality program of theological education that characterizes ITC."

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Morris is a graduate of Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History. From Boston University, he received the Master of Arts, the Bachelor of Sacred Theology (from Boston's

School of Theology) and the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

For the past 16 years, Dr. Morris has taught at Howard Divinity School, first as assistant professor of Practical Theology and Director of Field Education to currently serving as associate professor of Pastoral Theology and director of Ministries in Church and Society. Prior to going to Howard, he was executive director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change in Atlanta. Dr. Morris has also taught at Simmons College (Boston) and served as visiting lecturer at the College of Urban Development at Michigan State University.

Dr. Morris's works are widely published and include the book Black Advocate of the Social Gospel published in 1990 by University Press of America. His honors and awards are numerous; the most recently bestowed honor was the 1991 Distinguished Witness Award from the Student Government Association of Howard University School of Divinity. Others include the Lincoln University Alumni Achievement Award (1988).

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## WHAT IS THE HOLY GHOST?

by Steve James

Faith Chapel COGIC, San Diego, CA  
Pastor Roy Dixon

The Holy Ghost is God, only more of his power. It is not a separate entity apart from God. God's being can emit this power as he sees fit. Much like a light bulb that emits light from its central part from within the bulb itself. In the bible the Holy Ghost is given the identity of a person, because of the function of its power. Just as God is spoken of as "He," so is the Holy Ghost. We know that God is one and he is spirit, and we must worship him in spirit. The Holy Ghost is God, but with specific functions of duty, He does not act as an intelligence independent of God. All of His work must operate in exact concordance to the will of the Father.

We must understand that God's being does not necessarily work according to our natural laws of physics or scientific reasoning. How could God's being be in one place and the Holy Ghost working in another? God is omnipotent. Let's look at an example. Power or energy being the Holy Ghost, is some what like radio waves. These waves travel through the air from a central radio transmitter. The result is, we hear music on our radios. Even more amazing, for example, look at television. The studio will transmit through electricity the image of a live person giving us the 6:00 P.M. news. What we see is a manifestation of that person on our screen. These two forms of energy can only travel by way of the central transmitters.

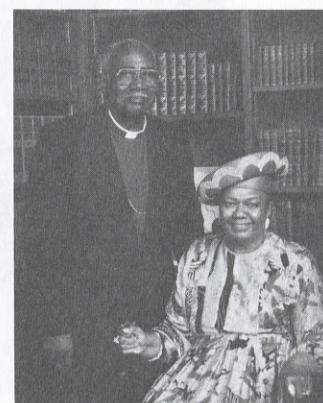
This author thinks this is similar (as far as we can understand) of how the Holy Ghost works.

*We as believers are fortunate to have this power living within us.*

God emits His power with a distinct personality from one place to another for specific purposes. But it is still God. When Mary was told by the angel that she would give birth to a child, she was astounded because she knew she hadn't been with any man. (Luke 1:34,35) "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "the Holy Ghost will come upon you, and the power of Highest shall overshadow thee. So the Holy one to be born will be called the son of God." For those who don't believe in the impregnation of the Virgin May by the Holy Ghost, here is something to think about. God being creator of all the universe and designing how things work together, creating the sperm and our bodies being a vessel for multiplying life through the fertilization of an egg. Why can't for one moment in time, he chose to take the same sperm that he created and impregnate a specific woman via the power of the Holy Ghost. This may be a miracle in our minds, but in God's over all scheme of things, this should not be hard to believe. Especially considering all the other amazing things God has done, not only in our world, but in the entire universe.

We as believers are fortunate to have this power living within us, Just as Jesus explained to the apostles in preparing them for his departure (John 14:15-27). Verses 25, 26 and 27 "all this have I spoken while still with you. But the counselor, the Holy Ghost, whom the father will send you in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be trouble and do not be afraid."

## WOODARDS CELEBRATE 60TH



June 1992 is of special significance as Bishop and Mrs. Robert E. Woodard will celebrate his 86th birthday, 61 years in the ministry, and their 61st wedding anniversary. Family and friends planned a series of events to honor Bishop's birthday

and this sixth decade of union and service in what has become "The Sixtieth Diamond Anniversary Celebration."

Robert Earl Woodard was born June 23, 1906 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Woodard in Bremond, Texas.

He married the former Esther Compton, daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. Maurice C. Compton of Beaumont, Texas on June 24, 1931.

Robert Woodard began his ministry in 1931 and assumed his first pastorate in 1933 in Nome, Texas. He subsequently pastored in Beaumont, Silsby, Port Arthur, Orange, Dickinson, Bessie Mae, Galveston, and Houston, Texas.

In 1960 he was appointed by Bishop R.E. Ranger to pastor Williams Memorial Temple Church Of God In Christ in Houston. Under his leadership a new sanctuary was constructed in 1960, a more modern 400 seat edifice was built in 1974 and, more recently in 1988, a 1400 seat facility was constructed and named in his honor — "Woodard Cathedral."

Reverend Woodard received national acclaim when, in 1971, he was appointed to the office of bishop and became a member of the International Board of Bishops of the Church Of God In Christ (COGIC). He was officially installed as Jurisdictional Prelate of the Texas Southeast First Jurisdiction, Church Of God In Christ, 1972.

Other COGIC memberships and appointments include his service as District, Jurisdictional and National Church Auxiliaries.

His civic activities include his membership on the Mayor's Advisory Committee, Ministers Against Crime, Wheeler Avenue Branch of the YMCA, Third Ward Ministers Alliance, and Executive Committee member of Prairie View A & M Ministers Conference.

The Sixtieth Diamond Anniversary Celebration commenced with a pre-anniversary celebration of praise and worship at Woodard Cathedral, featuring television evangelist Reverend Carlton Pearson of Higher Dimension Ministries, Tulsa, Oklahoma. On Saturday, June 13, 1992, at Jones Hall, the couple was honored in a musical Gospel Fest featuring the Mississippi Mass Choir and guest soloist, the Reverend James Moore.

Bishop and Mrs. Woodard were honored at a Diamond Anniversary Banquet on June 26, 1992. This Black Tie Tribute, held at the Doubletree Post Oak Hotel in Houston, featured the Reverend E.V. Hill of Los Angeles, California as guest speaker, was preceded by a reception.

The Celebration concluded on Saturday, when Bishop and Mrs. Robert E. Woodard rededicated their vows in a public ceremony at Woodard Cathedral as Jurisdictional prelate A. Ladell Thomas from the state of Texas officiated.

Bishop Woodard says the key to keeping their marriage together has been to "continue like we started. We had no secrets then and we are that way today." He advises couples to "be honest with each other. Don't let everything that comes up disturb you. Remember that marriage is a give and take — everything will not go your way or her way all the time."

As a result of 61 years of marriage Bishop and Mrs. Woodard are the proud parents of our sons: Aaron Taylor (deceased), Robert Earl, Jr., Maurice, Billy Ray; and, one daughter, Rose Diane. They are blessed grandparents of 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, a host of great, great-great, and great-great-great nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

## 1992 SCHOLASTIC MOTIVATION WINNERS

Listed are the winners of the Scholastic Motivation Ministries. Annually, UNAC-5 provided space to showcase the skills, gifts and talents of our youth. The Scholastic Motivation Ministries shall continue even after the dissolution of the United National Auxiliaries Convention.

### ORATORICAL

Lawrence Brown - Stockton, CA  
Zakiya Euzadia Pickett - Chicago, IL  
Tonika Kiel - Mobile, AL  
Dana Smith - Newport News, VA

### MATH/COMPUTER

Grades 1-4  
Candace Golden - Virginia 3rd Jurisdiction  
Grades 5-8  
Nalette Wooten - Southern Ohio  
Grades 9-12  
Nicole Starks - Alabama 1st Jurisdiction

### SPELLING BEE

Primary Grades 1-4  
Alexis Craig - New York  
Danielle Stringfellow - 1st Jurisdiction Illinois  
Intermediate Grades 5-8  
Sharisce Mundy - Montgomery, AL  
Lacretia Ruffin - Huntsville, AL  
High School Grades 9-12  
Trameika Mims - Los Angeles, CA  
Vanessa Dixon - Danville, IL

### BIBLE BOWL

Junior Team Competition  
1st Jurisdiction Illinois - Bishop L.H. Ford  
Alabama 1st Jurisdiction - Bishop O.L. Meadows  
Senior Team Competition  
1st Jurisdiction Illinois - Bishop L.H. Ford  
Northern Georgia - Bishop J. Howard Dell

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I believe there is a petition going around to take all religious programs off of the air waves. If, as a sinner, you don't want to watch these programs, flip the button or just turn it off. As parents we should be more concerned about the blood and guts shown on some of our programs along with nudity and sex. We do have the right to voice our opinion and to pray. The Bible says to go and spread the Word.

Our government officials and our Supreme Court needs to be told by us, the righteousness people, what we desire and believe in. Christians do vote and pay taxes. It is our tax money, too, that pays their salaries and also assists in these acts of unrighteousness.

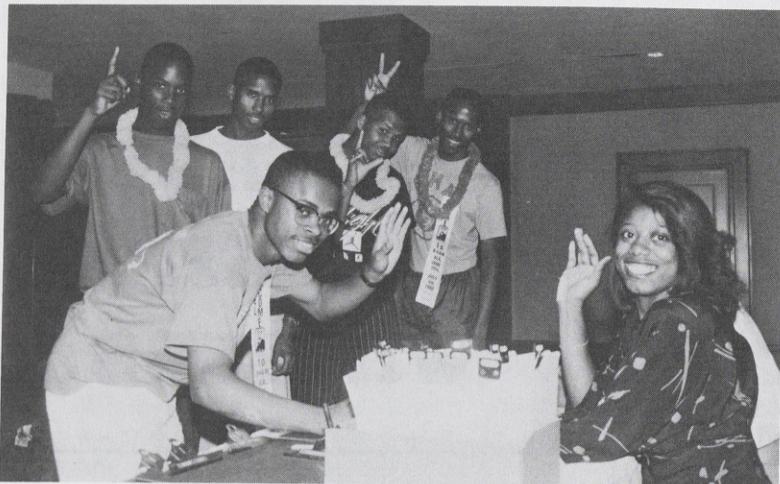
My prayer is that the churches will unite and let our voices be heard.

Prayerfully,  
Darlene Coleman

When he started pastoring, Bishop says he had two choir members. "I didn't always have a fine car or a fine home. I started at the foot of the ladder, with my foot on the first rung, and climbed my way up. So don't try to grow overnight. Take your time. Preaching is not some elaborate route to financial success. Look beyond that. Your job is to reach souls."

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

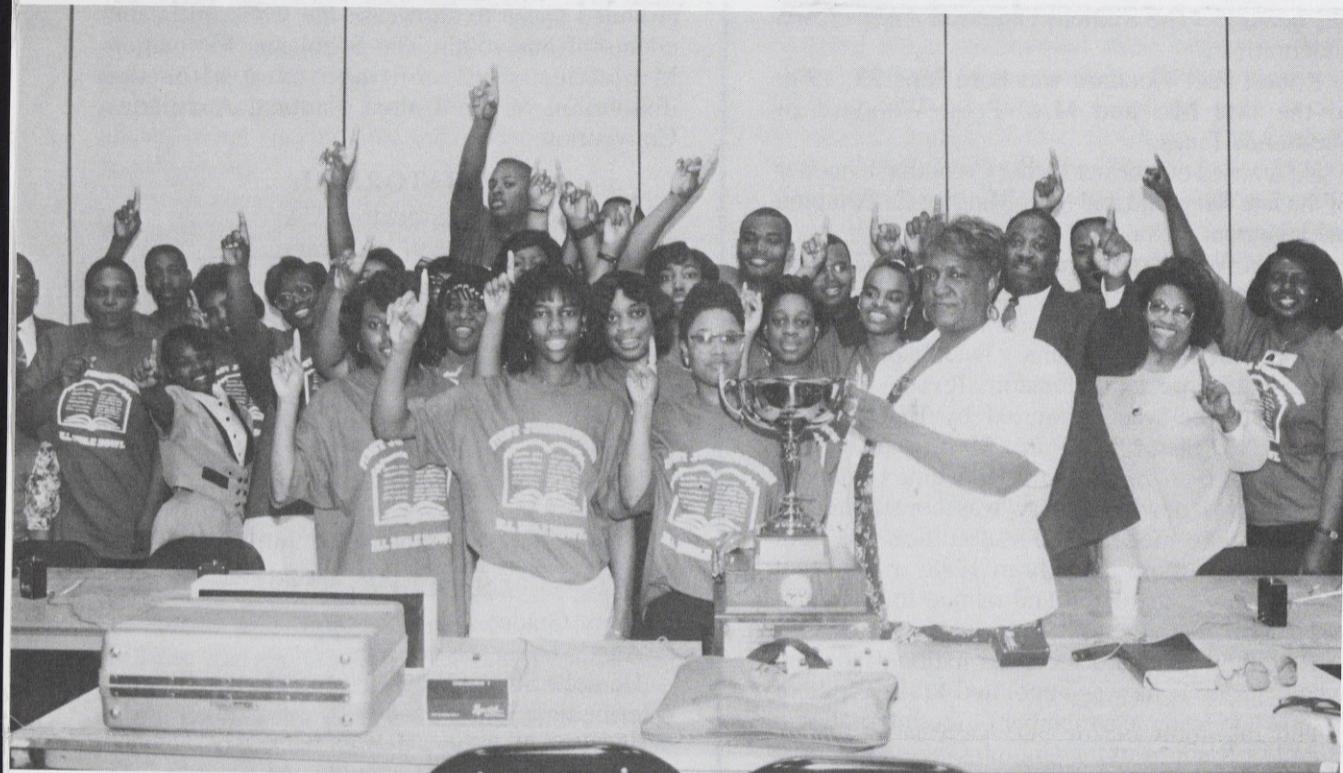
## UNAC-5 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



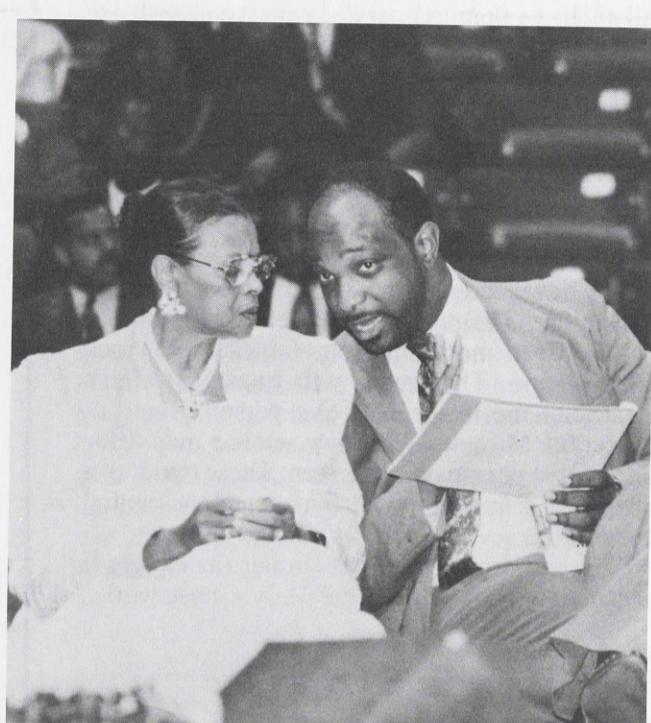
Five young men from Houston sign in at the Sheraton, ready for UNAC-5.



The saints gave God His praise.



Illinois Jurisdiction #1 is the Bible Bowl Champion of 1992.



Dr. Mattie Clark talks music with a chief aid about the ministry of music.



Bishop F.E. Perry preaches to the delight of General Board members, Bishops Owens and Winbush. General Secretary, Bishop W.W. Hamilton listens.



Mother Reatha Herndon, Elect Lady of Evangelism is the oldest UNAC official.



There was something for everyone. The puppets stole the Saturday Morning Worship.

**"EXEMPLIFYING CHRIST  
THROUGH MINISTRY"**

**THE THEME FOR THE 17th —  
AND LAST UNAC MEETING**

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

## IT DON'T TAKE FEET TO RUN FOR GOD

A friend and I were very sad and sighing as we rode down the street because of the predicament another friend of ours was in, whose legs had been amputated. Then my friend suddenly exclaimed, most emphatically, "It don't take feet to run for God." Oh, what a startling realization that pierced my consciousness!

The question is then, how does one run for God? Does one go screaming and running down the street yelling out the love of God from house to house, school to school, church to church, etc... Hardly. People couldn't hear what you are saying for looking at what you are doing, and declaring you to be crazy. The most you would get would be a lot of hoarseness, worn out shoes, shortness of breath, and bodily exercise which would profit little.

There has to be another way to run for God and I am under the impression that it is not a physical race and does not depend wholly on physical body functions; for, this is not something that starts outside the body and is forced to the inside of the body by some osmotic force. No! No! There must first be a transformation process on the inside of the body that is subject to the transformer (God) and spread to the outside of the body to condition one for the race for God. This then, not being a physical race is indicative of a spiritual race.

Speaking of missing body parts, I believe we all may have some imperfection whether large or small. We may have had it all along, caused it accidentally or by fate, but I believe the end is the same. What does it matter if one has ugly teeth, thick tongue, long skinny nose. The deformation

## HOW DOES ONE RUN FOR GOD?

is only on the outside and does not effect the inner working of God's spirit on the inside. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and if we love Him enough, we will run for Him whether or not we have feet or legs.

However, we all want to have all our limbs and have them functioning properly. When we do, we are blessed and when we do not we are yet blessed for we could have less than we do have. When we think of all the things we have to be glad, for they far outweigh the things we have to be sad for. As a matter of fact, it is possible to count the things you don't have, but wish you had. It is impossible to count all the blessings you do have. If you don't believe me, start counting your blessings. We often thank God for our life, health and strength, food to eat, clothes to wear, place to stay, etc., but what about the things we take for granted. Just to name a few things that are most usually overlooked. Have you ever thanked Him for being able to bat your eyes? Ask your doctor what would happen if you could not. Have you ever thought of the excruciating pain you would have without your fingernails and toenails? What about the predicament you would be in without the bend of your elbows and knees? There is no end to the things we have to thank Him for, plus hey are being renewed each day that we live.

A few excerpts from the 5th chapter of Matthew and Mark 9th chapter tells us if our hand or foot offend us, cut it off. If our eye offend us, pluck it out. It is better to enter into life or into the kingdom of God with one of each of them than with both to burn in hell fire. Please read it yourself for better understanding. Anyway, the conclusion of the whole matter is - our whole body or the part of our body that remains is going back to dust. It is only the soul that was not made from dust that will live.

Let us love God and worship Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and keep His commandments and we can run this race. This is encouragement for our friend for her life in God is not diminished at all because of her unfortunate circumstances, neither are ours for imperfection outside the body.

My Father's Child  
Missionary Vera M. Vick

## DR. ARCHIE D. HEADEN CELEBRATES 53RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Refreshing Spring Church Of God In Christ



*Dr. Headen with members who have served 45 years or more under his leadership. (L to R) Seated: Dr. Headen, Mother Martha Graham. Standing: Missionary Candice Cook, Leora Wilson, Anna R. Davis, Missionary Argo Jordan, Maggie Love, Elder William Chance, Deacon Sylvester Pointer, Zettie Felton, Anne Peterson and Deacon Curfield Peterson.*

Dr. Archie D. Headen, pastor and founder, of the Refreshing Spring Church Of God In Christ, recently celebrated the 53rd church anniversary. The church is located in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. at 6200 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland.

The service included remarks by three senior members of the board of trustees, who gave a brief overview of the church from its beginning to the present. Special recognition was given to all members who have served under the leadership of Dr. Headen 45 years or more, by the board of trustees, for their loyalty of faithful service and dedication to the church.

The highlight of the service was words of inspiration by Dr. Headen (now confined to a wheel chair) as he spoke to the congregation concerning UNITY. He urged the members to strive for oneness; in Spirit, mind and purpose. He recalled some past experiences during the early years of his ministry, when he was discouraged by friends and mocked by the gainsaying of others. But in spite of it all God gave him the victory. He concluded by singing "My soul looked back and wondered how I got over."

Dr. Headen came to Washington, D.C. from the state of North Carolina. As a young minister, he served under the leadership of the late Elder Frank Cannon, pastor of a COGIC church here in the city. In 1939, he was Divinely commanded by God to start a church. In obedience to God's word he started out by faith, not knowing where he was going, just following the leading of the Lord. He boarded a street car (city transportation at that time) going eastward. When he came to a place called Deanwood he was led to get off the street car and walk north. He saw a woman

standing on the street and asked her if she knew where he could find a place to open a church. She directed him to the owner of a two story building on an unpaved side street. He acquired the second floor of that building, and after receiving the key he went in, prayed and dedicated it unto the Lord. In that upper room the church was started, and he held his first service. Service was held regularly thereafter. Sunday School began at 9:30 A.M., morning worship at 11:00 A.M., Young People Willing Workers (YPWW) at 6:30 P.M. and evening service at 8:00 P.M. There was also Tuesday and Friday night service.

These services continued for one year with no members, only he and God. In spite of discouragement by friends and the gainsaying of others, he remained faithful with assurance that the Lord would send labourers into the vineyard. After one year he began to fellowship a few members and under his leadership they fasted and prayed together, doing whatever their hands could find to do to help carry on the Lord's work.

Dr. Headen is not only a man of great faith, but also a man with a vision. Where there is no vision the people perish (Proverbs 29:18). In 1942 he was inspired to build a church. This was during World War II when there was a decline in the economy and building supplies were limited. With only a few members and a small amount of finance, he purchased the adjoining site and began to build. He became ill while building and was hospitalized for a short time, but did not give up. He knew that the Lord would provide whatever means necessary to get the job done. In 1944 the building was completed and they moved in. He is the first minister of the brotherhood, in the Washington/Metropolitan area, to build a church from the ground.

Because of his great leadership, Dr. Headen can be regarded as a 20th century Moses. As a shepherd he led the members of his fold from a small wooden building on an unpaved street in the Deanwood section of Washington, to a beautiful brick edifice that sets on a hill in Riverdale, Maryland. He has watched the membership increase from one to approximately fifteen hundred. His ministry has expanded throughout America as well as to some foreign countries. Forty one ministers and eighty missionaries received their calling through his ministry. Two have become bishops; thirteen are pastors; some are fulltime traveling evangelists; many are part-time evangelists and others are helping to carry on the Lord's work wherever there is a need.

Although he is confined to a wheel chair, Dr. Headen continues to have a vision. It is our hope that some day it will become a reality as well.

We are blessed to have such a great leader.

Mother Hannah M. Fisher  
Reporting

## AFRICAN CRUSADE

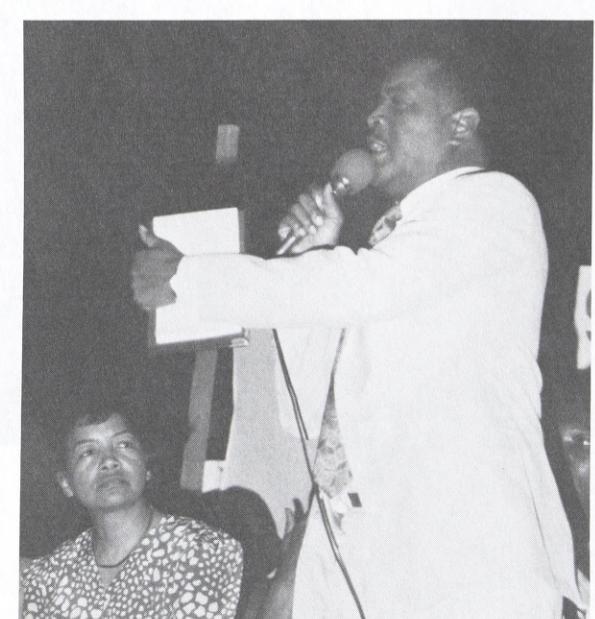
Dr. G. Wesley Hardy, Sr.

On February 5, 1992, Dr. Hardy and fifteen (15) of the Saints of the Cathedral of Faith Church Of God In Christ, Chesapeake, Virginia, returned from a Crusade in Aba, Nigeria. Aba is a city of one and a half million people on the south western part of that country.

Dr. Hardy had been invited by the Rev. Dr. Sylvester Alanwoko, Pastor of the Calvary Temple Church and about 50 cooperating churches.

Dr. Hardy was the first African American to conduct a Crusade in that city.

God mightily blessed the crusade nightly from January 25th through February 2nd, almost 2500 souls were saved and scores were healed. It was an unforgettable experience to worship with our African brothers and sisters and to see their hunger for the move of God.



*Missionary Doris Hardy -- D. G. Wesley Hardy*

